



**South Metropolitan Region
2017
Region Gathering
"AROUND THE WORLD"**



**Cataract Scout Park
9th to 12th June 2017**

**Applications close, with full payment on
Friday 19th of May 2017**

About Region Gathering

Region Gathering is an **ALL SECTIONS CAMPING** opportunity for all Scouting members in our Region to camp together over the June long weekend every third year (it is not a Family Camp).

- Only current Scouting members are eligible to attend – youth members, rovers, leaders, registered adult supporters.
- The exception is one parent attending with each joey scout, or as a carer, as per Scouting rules -
 - An attending parent must either be a registered Adult Helper, have an M5 form lodged at Region Office, or submit a current M5 form with the Group registration form.
- Current members of Guides NSW are also invited to attend.

All camping will be done as a Scout Group, within the allocated District campsite.

- So all sections in your Group will be camping together and sharing resources – tents, dining flies, cooking gear, seating...
- All youth members in your Group will have the opportunity to see the other sections in action, which will cement the bonds within your Group and encourage youth to link between the sections.
- Everyone will be camping within their District campsite, as directed by the District Scout Leader.

Scouts and older sections to come in Friday night and set up camp.

Cubs and Joeys to come in on Saturday morning.

All youth and drivers must know which DISTRICT they belong to, so they can be directed to their camp.

This year we are sharing the Camp with Greater Western Sydney Region Camp.

Their camp is for Scouts, and is run by their venturers, rovers and leaders – like our Region Camp.

They will have a cub/joey visiting day on the Sunday.

We will be able to visit their activities, and they will visit ours.

We will be sharing the Adventurous Activities – eg abseiling, flying fox etc – details to be distributed later.

Information sheet – please read carefully

Date	9 th to 12 th June 2017
Location	Cataract Scout Park on the Bulli – Appin Road
Eligibility	Invested Joeys, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Guides, Leaders, and Registered Adult Supporters. Joey Scouts must have a parent accompany them for the duration of the camp. Non Members ie joey parents must have on file or have completed a current M5 form.
Applications	Applications for Groups close, at close of business on Friday 19th of May 2017 Mail completed Group application form, with the Region Camp fee (Group cheques only), addressed to Scouts Australia 1 Carrington Ave Hurstville NSW 2220 Region Office – 95704525 Note no refunds after 26th of May 2017 Minor adjustments can be made for registered Groups until Friday 26 th May 2017 <u>No Group applications will be accepted at the Region Gathering.</u>
Camping	Camping will be in Groups by Districts. Groups are to provide their own camping gear, including tentage, kitchen, cooking and dining requirements (including food). Ensure all gas equipment meets the Australian standards. If you have not booked in before the closing date your site might be allocated to another site away from you district. Other Regions also will be attending the Gathering.

Travel

Individual Groups are to arrange their own travel to & from the Region Gathering at the Groups cost.

There will be no early access to Cataract due to a booking in place until Friday afternoon.

No cars are to be parked in the Camping sites.

Arrangements for parking cars for the duration of camp – to be advised.

Vehicles must display on the front dash – Leader/Parent Name, Leader/Parent Group, and mobile number if applicable for the weekend.

Camp rules

The law of the camp is the Scout Law.

In addition the following rules apply:

- Group Scarf to be worn all weekend.
- Closed shoes to be worn all weekend except going to showers

Fee Schedule

\$45.00 – for all youth members from Cubs upwards and Leaders, Parents, others
\$10.00 – for all Joeys with accompanying parent for camping (*amended 14/4/17*)

ie Joey and Parent will pay \$10 (joey) + \$45 (parent) = \$55

\$10.00 – Sunday Visitors Day - Joeys, Cubs and Leaders

Parents - no fee, no badge on Visitors Day.

This is the camping, activity and badge fee.

Groups to provide their own catering fee.

No Refunds after Friday 26th of May 2017, exceptions in an emergency

Camp Kit

Youth members and Leaders should travel to and from the Region Gathering in full Scout Uniform.

Dress for the whole camp will be camp dress, with Group Scarf

It can get VERY cold at Cataract, particularly at night – Be Prepared.

The following kit is suggested:

- Sleeping gear
- Eating gear
- Personal hygiene gear: soap, towel, toothbrush, comb, etc. You will be showering!
- Day pack and drink bottle.
- Shady hat, and sunscreen
- Clothes for three days.
- Warm clothes (for night time.)
- Beanie
- Set of 'dirty activity' clothes.
- Swimmers and towel.
- Shoes that can be worn for water activities.
- Raincoat

Hub/District Sub Camps for the Gathering

Camping is within Districts, within Hubs

Northern Hub

- Iron Cove – Site 2
- Bankstown – Site 2
- Canterbury Vale – Site 2
- Sydney – Site 2

Eastern Hub

- Fairfax – Site 9
- Kingsford Smith – Site 9

Guides – Site 8

Region HQ – Site 8

Central Hub

- Bambara – Site 9
- EH/GR - Site 9

Southern Hub

- Port Hacking – Site 3
- RNP – Site 3
- Yaroona – Site 3

Activities

The adventurous activities will be run on a ticketing system to reduce the waiting times.

The passports this year will be a different colour for each section.

District Theme and activities to be advised by the Mindari.